(b) and (c) The number and amount of loan under SEEUY disbursed by each bank throughout the country during 1983-84 to 1987-88 is given in Annexure. [See Appendix CXLVI, Annexure No. 38]. As the loans sanctioned during a particular financial year can be disbursed during the subsequent financial year, the final position of disbursements in respect of loans during 1987-88 is yet to emerge.

Bomb Blasts in Tamil Nadu

804. SHRI T. R. BALU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many bomb blasts took place in Tamil Nadu during the last three years;

(b) how many of them took place after Presidential rule in Tamil Nadu;

(c) how much property was lost; and

(d) how many people lost their lives in each incident?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) (a) to (d) The requisite information is being obtained from the Government of Tamil Nadu and it will be laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha on receipt.

Recommendations of the Expert Group on the location of the Tehri Dam

805. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 27 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd February, 1988 and state what steps Government have taken on the basis of the recommendations of the Expert Group on the location of the Tehri Dam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): The Tehri Dam Project is now to be implemented on a turnkey basis with financial assistance from the Soviet Union. The locational and design aspects are to be fully examined by the Soviet experts. Data and inputs of the national experts would be duly made use of.

Implementation of Social Housing Projects by LIC

806. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) has taken up the initiative to implement some social housing projects in the backward States;

(b) if so, whether any such housing project has been taken up by LIC in Orissa; and

(c) what are the details of the Middle Income Group (MIG), Lower Income Group (LIG), Economicaly weaker sections (EWS) and other category of houses constructed by LIC under its social housing projects in different districts of Orissa so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) LIC does not undertake social housing projects directly except for policyholders. LIC provides loans for housing to the State Governments on the basis of allocations made by the Ministry of Urban Development on the recommendations of the Planning Commission. LIC also provides loans to State Level Apex Co-operative Housing Finance Societies on the basis of their requirements and annual budget of the LIC. Further deployment of funds, scheme-wise and area-wise, rests with the respective States and the Apex Bodies. As on 31-3-1988, a sum of Rs. 42.50 crores was advanced

by LIC to the State Government of Orissa and a sum of Rs. 12.80 crores to the Apex Housing Body in that State for implementing various social housing Schemes.

विदेशी व्यापार की स्थिति

807. **श्री राम नरेश यादव** : क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि सरकार विदेशों के साथ अपने व्यापार में देश को हो रहे घाटे को कम करने के लिए क्या कदम उठा रही है?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री प्रिय रंजन दास मुंशी) : निर्यात बढ़ाने के लिए अनेक कदम उठाए गए हैं। इनका उद्देश्य निर्यातों के लिए देशी माल पैदा करना, प्रौद्योगिकी की दृष्टि से सम-सामयिक तथा कीमतों में प्रतियोगी माल के उत्पादन को प्रोत्साहन देना तथा निर्यात को लाभप्रद बनाना है। इसके साथ-साथ व्यापार घाटे को कम करने के लिए विशेषकर थोक आयातों के क्षेत्र में प्रभावी आयात प्रतिस्थापन के भी प्रयास किए जा रहे हैं।

Closing down of Instant Tea Project

808. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Instant Tea Project sponsored by the Tea Board has since been closed down;

(b) what was the number of employees engaged in the project;

(c) whether the employees have been absorbed in any other establishment; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (d) No, Sir. The Instant Tea Project sponsored by Tea Board was transferred to M/s. Goodricke Group Ltd. The transfer was executed on 19-2-1988 between Tea Board and M/s. Goodricke Group Ltd. The number of persons employed in the project is eleven. As per the agreement M/s. Goodricke Group Ltd. will retain the personnel employed in the Board's project.

Recommendations of the Chakravarty Committee on Computing Deficit in Budget

809. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: *Will the Minister of* FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accepted S. Chakravarty Committee recommendations with regard to computing deficit in the Budget;

(b) the deficit shown in the Budget from 1975-76 to 1987-88 year-wise; and

(c) the actual total deficit if the principal recommendation by the said Committee is applied for the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government has accepted, in principle, the recommendation made by the Chakravarty Committee that the present concept of the budgetary deficit should be modified to include the entire Reserve Bank credit to the Government. Accordingly, the increase in Net Reserve Bank Credit to Central Government is being shown as a memorandum item in the budget documents since 1987-88.

(b) and (c) The increase in net Reserve Bank Credit to Central Government and the budgetary deficit of the Central for years 1975-76 to 1987-88 are given in the enclosed statement.